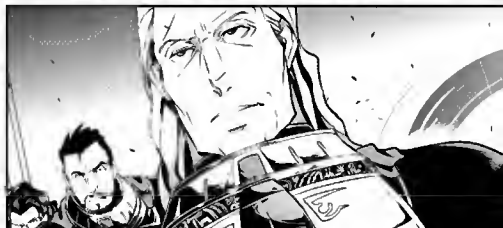




BANISHING
SHOT!







T-TAKE ME
TO HIS
HIGHNESS
IMMEDIA-
TELY!



NOW OF
ALL
TIMES?

I WAS
PROTECT-
ING THE
CASTLE SO
I COULD
GIVE IT TO
HIS
HIGHNESS!

I-I'LL BE
RETURNING
THIS
CASTLE
THAT MY
BROTHER-
IN-LAW
ENTRUSTED
ME WITH!



MARQUIS
OIPHEN
DAZ
FERBUUL
GRIMALDI,



I AM
LOYAL TO
HIS
HIGHNESS!



FOR THE
INEXCUSABLE
CRIMES OF
ABANDONING
YOUR DUTIES AND
INFRINGING ON
AUTHORITY FOR
YOUR OWN
INTERESTS.

WE ARE
FOLLOWING
ORDERS TO
DEAL WITH
YOU AS A
TRAITOR,



MARQUIS,



H-HIS
HIGH-
NESS...







THEN
WHY?!

I NEVER
FORGOT THE
KINDNESS THE
KING SHOWED
ME.



TO PREVENT
ANOTHER
DISASTER
LIKE THIS.
PREPARE
YOURSELF.

YOUR DEATH
WILL SERVE TO
KEEP THE
OTHER NOBLES
IN LINE.



N-NO...

THE
"ROYAL
GUARDS'
SWORD"!

THAT'S...
SAID TO CUT
THROUGH
EVEN STEEL
LIKE IT'S MERE
PAPER.

IF YOU
CANNOT DO
IT,
I WILL SEVER
YOUR HEAD
FOR YOU.



MY
BROTHER-
IN-LAW
TEMPTED ME,
HE OFFERED
TO MAKE ME
THE PRIME
MINISTER!



PLEASE,
BERFILE,
LET ME GO!



THIS BEHAVIOR
IS DISGRACEFUL
FOR A NOBLE
OF A
DISTINGUISHED
FAMILY...



SOMETHING'S
NOT RIGHT...



BEFORE THE
KING MARRIED,
THE GRIMALDI
CLAN WENT
THROUGH A
RIGOROUS
SELECTION
PROCESS.





THIS ENTIRE
CONFLICT WAS
UNNATURAL TO
BEGIN WITH!



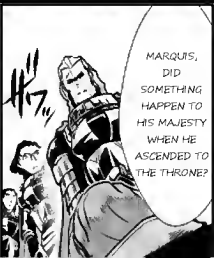
I KNOW...
NOTHING...



AN UNKNOWN
FORCE CAUSED
THE MIRA
PLAINS
INCIDENT
AND BOGGED
DOWN THE
SITUATION,

AND WHO
EVEN GATHERED
ALL THESE
NOBLES TO
SUPPORT THE
HEREDITARY
KING?

THE
KING OF
UNUSUAL
LINEAGE
SUDDENLY
PASSED
AWAY,



MARQUIS,
DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN TO
HIS MAJESTY
WHEN HE
ASCENDED TO
THE THRONE?





OIPHEN IS
BEING
CONTROLLED
BY SOMEONE!



ROGER!
JAMMING
MIND
MANIPULA-
TION MAGIC!

IGOR,
JAMMING
MAGIC!



AH-

CANCEL
THE
ENEMY'S
MAGIC!

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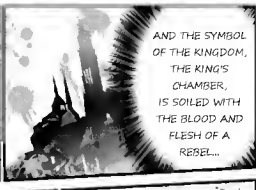




THEY ACTIVATED
SELF-DESTRUCTION
MAGIC BEFORE
OIPHEN COULD SAY
ANYTHING.



I HAVE
FAILED AS A
ROYAL
GUARD!



AND THE SYMBOL
OF THE KINGDOM,
THE KING'S
CHAMBER,
IS SOILED WITH
THE BLOOD AND
FLESH OF A
REBEL...



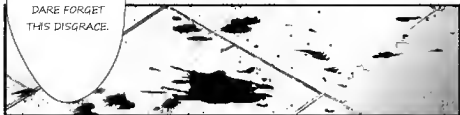
THE REBEL
OIPHEN
COMMITTED
SUICIDE.





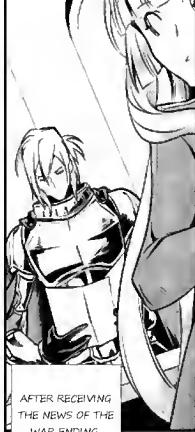
ALL OF YOU,

AS ROYAL
GUARDS,
DON'T YOU
DARE FORGET
THIS DISGRACE.



AND SO,
THE BATTLE TO
RECLAIM THE
CAPITAL ENDED.

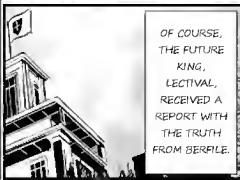
THE KING'S
CHAMBER WAS
COMPLETELY
REMODELED AFTER
THIS.



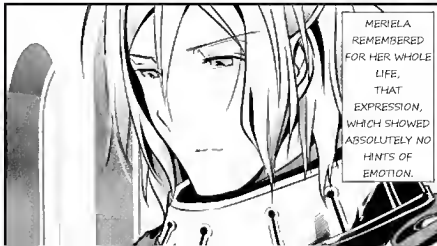
AFTER RECEIVING
THE NEWS OF THE
WAR ENDING,
LECTIVAL'S
EXPRESSION WAS
UNCHANGED.



THE
GOVERN-
MENT
CLAIMED
THAT THE
REBEL
OIPHEN
COMMITTED
SUICIDE,



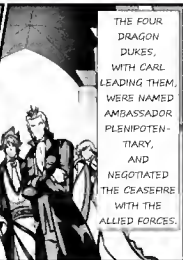
OF COURSE,
THE FUTURE
KING,
LECTIVAL,
RECEIVED A
REPORT WITH
THE TRUTH
FROM BERFILE.



MERIELA
REMEMBERED
FOR HER WHOLE
LIFE,
THAT
EXPRESSION,
WHICH SHOWED
ABSOLUTELY NO
HINTS OF
EMOTION.



THE
KINGDOM'S
WESTERN
LORDS
FOLLOWED THE
ALLIED FORCES
TO BE SURE
THAT THEY
RETIREATED.



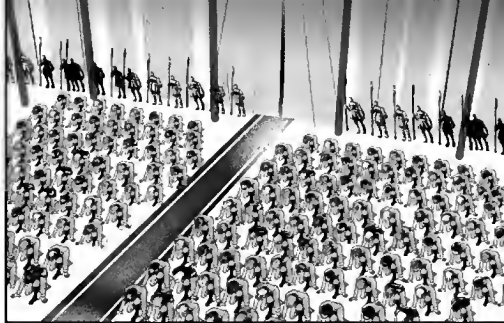
THE FOUR
DRAGON
DUKES,
WITH CARL
LEADING THEM,
WERE NAMED
AMBASSADOR
PLENIPOTEN-
TIARY,
AND
NEGOTIATED
THE CEASEFIRE
WITH THE
ALLIED FORCES.



A JOINT
INVESTIGATION
BY THE
KINGDOM AND
THE ALLIED
FORCES SAW TO
THE CAPTURE
OF VARIOUS
WAR CRIMINALS
FROM EITHER
SIDE.



AFTER THAT CAME
LECTIVAL'S
JUDGMENT ON
THE "ORIGINAL
NOBLES" IN MIRA
PLAINS.









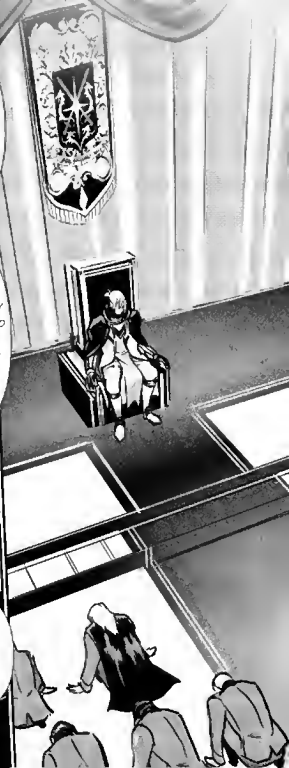
NORMALLY I
WOULD TELL
YOU TO RAISE
YOUR HEADS.



BUT I SIMPLY
WANT YOU TO
LISTEN AND
ANSWER MY
QUESTIONS.



FIRST,





BUT THESE WORDS
ARE FOR THE MEN
WHO FOUGHT
UNDER YOU,
AND NOT YOU
YOURSELVES,

I SHOULD
OFFER WORDS
OF PRAISE FOR
TAKING PART
IN THE BATTLE.



EXACTLY.

Y-YES,

IT IS BECAUSE
WE ARE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR CREATING
A SITUATION
WHERE YOU
WERE FORCED
TO WIELD A
SWORD
YOURSELF.

DO YOU
KNOW WHY,
MARQUIS
EIMELSIA?



BUT I WILL
ADMIT THAT
YOU FOUGHT
FOR THE SAKE
OF THE
KINGDOM.

CONSIDERING THE
REGRETS OF ALL
THE PEOPLE WHO
DIED IN THE
BATTLE,
YOU ARE NOT
WITHOUT BLAME,



THUS I
CANNOT GIVE
A VERDICT
RIGHT NOW.



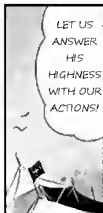
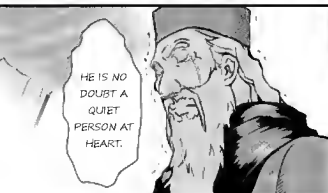
WE SHOULD
INSTEAD PUT
OUR EFFORT AND
FUNDS INTO
BRINGING PEACE
TO THOSE WHO
WERE HURT BY
THE FIGHTING.

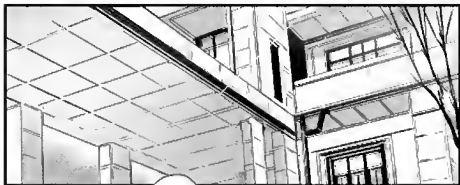
I HAVE
FAITH THAT YOU
WILL FULFILL YOUR
OBLIGATIONS AS
NOBLES,
AND LEAVE THE
REVIVAL OF MIRA
PLAINS AND THE
CAPITAL TO YOU.



THAT IS
ALL.

YES,
YOUR
HIGHNESS!







WAS THE
HANDLING OF
THE "ORIGINAL
NOBLES" YOUR
IDEA,
CARL?



NO,
HIS HIGHNESS
DECIDED ON IT
ALL HIMSELF.



THE CAPITAL'S
PEOPLE ARE
TALKING ABOUT
HOW THE LORD IS
BOTH KIND AND
STRICT.



BUT,
AS
MUCH
AS I'D
LIKE TO
KEEP
TALKING
ABOUT
THAT,

ENOUGH OF
THAT
ALREADY,
MARIA!

THE PEOPLE ARE
QUITE HAPPY WITH HIS
HIGHNESS ARRIVING
AT THE CAPITAL.
THEY'RE ALSO HAPPY
ABOUT MERIELA
JOINING THE INNER
PALACE!



AS
EXPECTED
OF THE MAN
MERIELA
CHOSE!



CONGRATS
ON HER
RIDER
CONTRACT!

WH-



A black and white manga-style illustration. Two characters stand on a balcony or walkway with a railing. On the left, a man in a dark, long coat looks towards the right. On the right, a woman with long, flowing hair and a light-colored dress looks towards the left. The background shows a cityscape with buildings and a sky with some clouds. A large speech bubble is positioned above them.

THERE'S
MOVEMENT IN
THE NORTH.



A close-up, black and white manga-style illustration of a character's face. The character has a wide-eyed, shocked expression. A speech bubble is positioned to the left of the face.

THE EMPIRE IS
GOING TO
ATTACK.